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House Committee on Energy & Commerce  
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TO: The Illinois Delegation of members to the House Committee on Energy & Commerce

Congressman John Shimkus (R-15)  
Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-16)

Congressman Bobby Rush (D-1)  
Congresswoman Janice Schakowsky (D-9)

On behalf of the members of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, I am writing to inform you of our support of H.R. 3477, the Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act.

As you are aware, this bipartisan legislation will align the compliance dates for two energy efficiency regulations on the same product. Under the current enforcement structure, the ceiling fan light bulb implementation date is January 2019 and the ceiling fan motor date is scheduled for implementation in 2020. It is important that since the regulations affect the same product, that the effective dates for the changes should be aligned. If they are not, there will be a significant disruption in supply chain lead times, purchase orders, work schedules and other operations that require strategic planning to get the products from manufacturer to store. This legislation resolves these foreseeable issues with a commonsense change to streamline the enforcement date of both regulations to January 2020.

Considering the amount of planning involved, we believe that this is a fair compromise to ensure that the energy efficiency requirements are met in a reasonable timeframe while allowing our supply chain the time it needs to get a quality product to the consumer. Moreover, this simple change will save consumers money so they are not having unnecessary costs passed down to them as a result of a supply chain that can't operate efficiently. Bringing more energy efficient products to market while saving consumers' money is something that we should all be able to agree on.

We respectfully request that you encourage the expedited passage of H.R. 3477 and we appreciate the attention that we know you will give this matter.

Sincerely,

Rob Karr  
President & CEO